

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations from claims 7, 6, 4 and 2. Accordingly, the dependencies of claims 3, 5, 8, 12-15 have been amended to depend from claim 1.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations from claims 1, 2, 4 and 6.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the limitations from claims 18 and 1.

Claims 2, 4, 6 and 7 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has objected to claims 3, 10 and 16 because of informalities. Accordingly, claims 3, line 2 has been amended to include “said” prior to “one of”. Claims 10, line 2, has been amended to include a degree sign and delete the square. Claim 16, line 1 has been amended to include “said” prior to “fingers”. Therefore, Applicant submits that this objection has been overcome.


Claims 1-6, 13, and 15-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schoeller. Because of the amendments to the claims, Applicant submits that this rejection has been overcome and requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

Claims 1-6 and 13-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Walker. Because of the amendments to the claims, Applicant submits that this rejection has been overcome and requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 7-12 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all the limitations from 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7. Applicant has amended claim 11 to include all the limitations from claims 1, 2, 4 and 6. Applicant has amended claim 20 to include all the limitations from claims 1 and 18. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the art rejections are overcome and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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